

HOUSE RESOLUTION 18  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Geneva Vance on the occasion of her retirement after more than 46 years of service with Wilson County Farm Bureau.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor and thank those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Vance is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than 46 years in many positions at the Wilson County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Vance recently took a much deserved retirement on December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Vance began her service with Farm Bureau while performing a temporary favor for a friend in need; however, the genuine beneficiary of Mrs. Vance's charity was the Farm Bureau office, which would continue to grow and be supported by the talents of this highly competent and industrious woman; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Vance's tenure with the company her varying roles in the office have included terms serving as administrative assistant and secretary, income tax preparer, Blue Cross insurance sales for 25 years, and office manager of the Wilson County Bureau for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Vance is renowned for her consistent and dependable performance; between her first day on the job and the time of her retirement, the membership of the Wilson County Farm Bureau has grown from 800 to almost 12,000 total members; and

WHEREAS, as rewarded by her employer, Mrs. Vance's meritorious service and her unrelenting work ethic earned her many opportunities to travel the world; due to her status as a "Top 10" agent in Tennessee, she has traveled through much of the United States and Europe,

including Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, Germany, France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Austria; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding performance on the job, Mrs. Vance has been a loving wife to her husband Jimmy Vance, whom she wed in 1956, and the proud mother and mother-in-law of her daughter, Kathy and her husband, Ricky Haskins; upon her retirement, Mrs. Vance looks forward to spending more time with her beloved grandsons, Dusty and Cody Haskins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Vance generously contributes her time and numerous talents to Highland Heights Church of Christ, where now plans to direct her energy toward the church's prison ministry and the Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Vance exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; Agency Manager Hal Parrot has aptly noted that "Geneva is the epitome of professionalism in terms of her work, her attitude toward employees and board of directors and her dedication to the community"; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Vance has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Geneva Vance, a woman of great talent and fortitude, our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication to a job well done and our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.